(Currently Amended) A recombinant herpes simplex virus ICP27 deletion mutant, rHSV 61. d27.1rc, identified as American Type Culture Collection Deposit deposited with the American Type Culture Collection as Accession Number PTA-4004. 62.-65. (Canceled) (Currently Amended) A host cell that comprises the recombinant herpes simplex viral 66. deletion mutant of claim 61 vector of claim 4161, the virion or viral particle of claim 64, or the plurality of virions or viral particles of claim-65. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 66, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell. 67. 68. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 67, wherein said mammalian cell is a human cell. 69. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 66, further comprising an rAAV vector or provirus. BEST AVAILABLE COPY

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AMENDMENT

1.-60. (Canceled)

IN THE CLAIMS:

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 (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 69, wherein said rAAV vector or provirus comprises a therapeutic gene.

 (Currently Amended) A composition comprising the recombinant herpes simplex viral deletion mutant of claim 61 or the host cell of claim 66 vector of claim 41, the virion or viral particle of claim 64, or the plurality of virions or viral particles of claim 65.

 (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 71, further comprising a pharmaceutical buffer or excipient.

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